

Czech National Seized In Peekskill, N. Y., Called Red Leader

A Czechoslovak national known under six aliases has been arrested in a Peekskill (N. Y.) hideout that for years has served as a link in the Communist world-wide underground organization, Government officials said today.

The Immigration Service announced the man arrested was Alexander Stevens and that he was detained on a charge of entering the United States illegally.

At the time of his arrest, Stevens was being sought by subpoena servers for the House Un-American Activities Committee, which wanted him to appear in Washington for questioning.

Remained in Background. Peekskill is said to have been a Communist Party "message drop" for years.

Stevens, who was born in Romania in 1895, has successfully remained in the background of Communist activities for years and recently has been living in Queens, N. Y., where another top Red agent, Gerhard Eisler, was living before his conviction of contempt of Congress.

Stevens has been a member of the Communist Party's Central Committee since 1934, when he was described by John L. Lewis as the "ring leader of the Communist underground." That was the year the Communists were attempting to move in on Mr. Lewis' United Mine Workers.

Taken to Ellis Island. W. Frank Watkins, district director of the Immigration and Naturalization Service in New York, said Stevens was arrested Wednesday and was taken to Ellis Island in default of \$5,000 bond to await deportation proceedings.

Stevens did not have a valid immigration visa when he entered this country August 3, 1932, Mr. Watkins said. The district director added that Stevens also was known as Alexander Goldberger, J. Peters, Steve Lapin, Pete Stevens, Steve Miller and Steve Bornstein.

Loyalty

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Investigators of conservative beliefs who thought any one to the left of Herbert Hoover was a Communist.

Access to Be Limited.

When the file is revised, the only persons to have access to it besides the three commissioners, will probably be James E. Hatcher, chief of the commission's investigation division, and a few of his trusted aides.

Meanwhile, it appeared as if the commission has won its fight to keep the contents of the file secret. Mr. Hoffman wanted the committee to have access to determine that the names of members of Congress are removed, but his request was refused.

Mr. Hoffman said yesterday he has written to President Truman asking that the file be opened, but he didn't appear to be very optimistic that this request would be granted. The Michigan legislator also said no further hearings will be held on the matter, although he said his group will continue to investigate the situation.

AFL

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Daniel J. Tobin, head of the teamsters, and Secretary - Treasurer George Meany.

After an executive session of nearly four hours, Mr. Green told reporters the council would recommend to the convention abolition of the vice presidential position, and have "the council members classified solely as members of the Executive Council rather than as vice presidents."

Green Ready to Sign. Asked if he and Mr. Meany were ready to sign the non-Communist affidavits, Mr. Green replied, "We certainly are."

The action will require a change in the AFL constitution and a two-thirds vote of the convention is necessary to approve it.

Mr. Green explained that while the recent National Labor Relations Board reversal of General Counsel Robert N. Denham on his ruling requiring AFL officers to file the papers disavowing communism if any affiliated union were to be recognized by the NLRB, released the big autonomous unions so they could determine for themselves, the 1,500 "federals" were still on the spot. "The federals" are small groups of workers who are attached directly to the AFL rather than to a parent international.

Mr. Lewis was first defeated when it was moved that all officers of the

LOST.

BLACK BILFOLD, lost Tuesday, vicinity 2400 blk. Wisconsin ave. and 2700 blk. 15th st. n.w. Keep money and return please return billfold, enclosed cards: valuable to me. M.P.C. No. 7150. 2100 BOSTON TERRACE, black and white, female, strayed from vicinity 4800 block of Butlerworth st. n.w. Thursday. Call OR. 4807.

BRACELET, gold link, lady's, lost between 10th and 11th st. n.w. and 12th and 13th st. n.w. Reward. EX. 3111. Ext. 452.

COCKER SPANIEL, male, blond, responds to name "Nellie", license tag 44883, also inc. tag. Reward. WM. F. HALL, 1112 13th st. n.w. Phone WO. 0935.

DIAMOND RING, lady's, solitaire, yellow gold, lost at Arlington. Liberal reward. Call 0981.

DOG, white toy spitz, female, with tan ear tips, lost in Rock Creek Park, Tuesday. \$25 reward. BL. 0648.

DOG, spitz, black and white, answers to the name "Schnitz". Reward. VI. 0417.

EYEGLASSES, in brown leather case, lost on 10th and 11th st. n.w. Reward. Call RA. 1244.

UMBRELLA, dark, navy, 7th st. and 8th st. n.w. Reward. 17th and 18th st. n.w. Reward. WI. 5469.

PERKINSEY PUPPY, vicinity Kirkridge drive and Center st. Reward. OL. 0805.

RING, lady's, set with 3 large diamonds, platinum, 14K. Reward. 1112 13th st. n.w. Phone WO. 0935.

TOY COLLIER, tan with white chest, hair, male and female, disappeared vicinity 15th and Mass. ave. OR. 2770.

WATCH, lady's, Hamilton, black band, downtown, vicinity F st., substantial reward. VI. 0512.

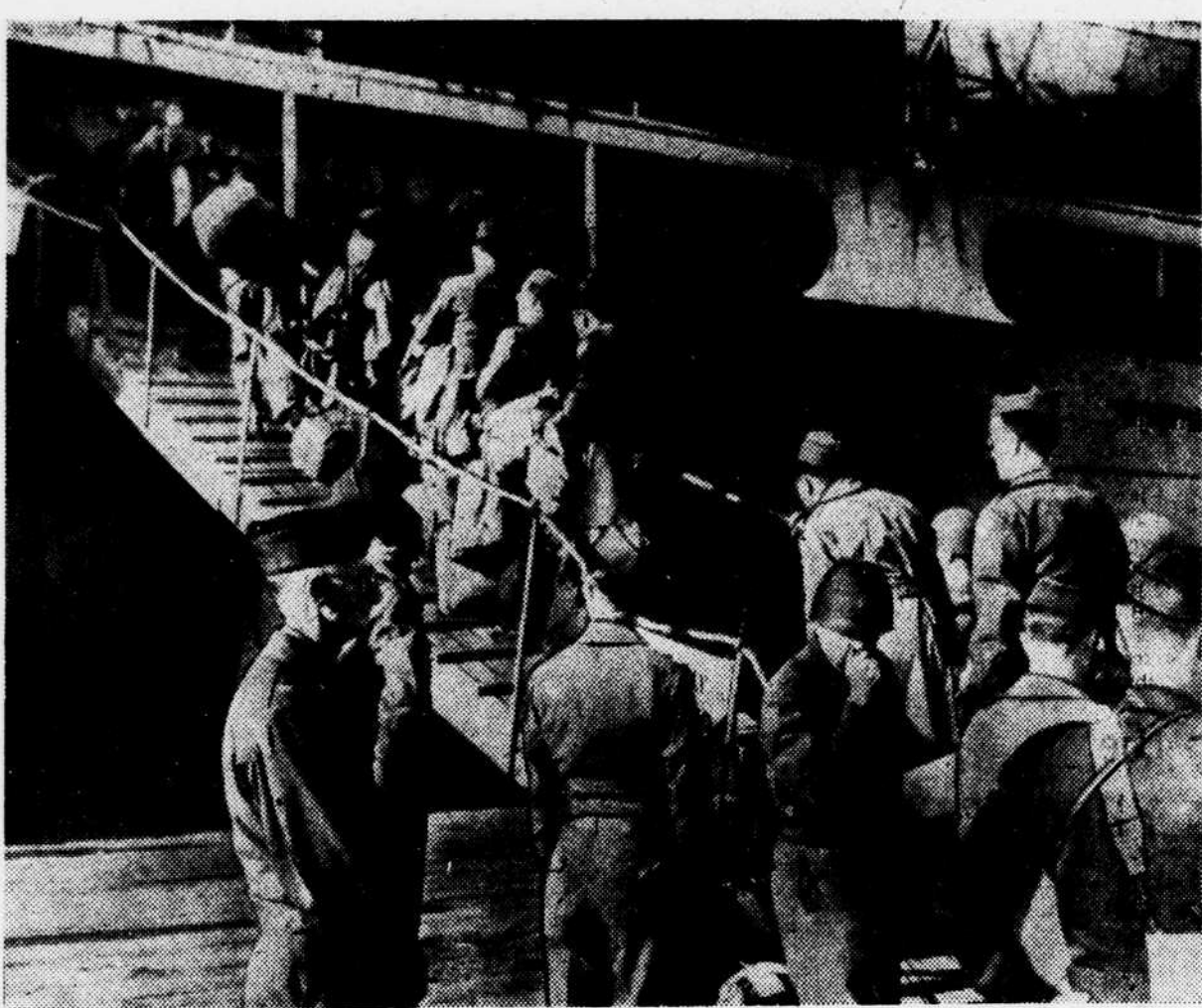
WEDDING BAND, lost Oct. 6; 14 karat gold mesh; with one small diamond. Reward. 1112 13th st. n.w. Phone WO. 0935.

WEDDING BAND, diamond, set with white gold, engraved. Reward. Call WI. 6155.

SEVERAL ITEMS, including new pair man's shoes, lady's gown and dress; disappeared from auto, 15th and Eye sts. n.w. Wednesday. Reward if found, call CO. 8692.

WIREY WATCH, Bulova, surrounded by diamonds, lost in section between Capitol st. and 17th and F ave. Reward. FW. 1896.

WILL THE PARTY who found brown wallet, corner N. 14th and F ave. please return same to owner, who is a widow. Telephone CO. 4675.



AMERICAN TROOPS START EVACUATING ITALY—The first contingent of American troops to evacuate Italy under the peace treaty boarded the Army transport Jarrett M. Huddleston at Leghorn Monday to return to the United States. There were 428 soldiers and their dependents in the group.

AFL file the non-Communist papers. Then followed the proposal to change the constitution to circumvent his position.

The mine workers' boss defended his position eloquently, declaring that only "cowards" would give in before the dictation of Government bureaucracy and to a law (Taft-Hartley Act) which would "reduce American workers to a state of slavery."

Lewis Reiterates Position. Mr. Lewis reiterated his position that labor should recognize no party law and that to give in on one point weakened labor's determination to "wipe this monstrous law from the statute books."

He said everyone knows he is not a Communist, that the United Mine Workers constitution bars Communists and that the affidavit "is an insulting thing."

On the Hollywood question, Mr. Lewis moved that the convention be asked to suspend the charter of the stagehands unless they complied within 30 days with an earlier directive of the executive council for settlement of the dispute.

After voting that down, the council approved a resolution to the convention calling on "all parties to the dispute to comply with the directive" and giving the executive council authority "to do everything possible to bring about a settlement."

The substitute was innocuous and lacked any enforcement teeth.

Rents

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balance." No further nominations were forthcoming. Mr. Creedon said. This was disputed by the Americans for Democratic Action whose national leaders include Leon Henderson and Chester Bowles, former CPA chiefs, and Wilson Wyatt, former Housing Expediter, a one-time Louisville Mayor. They said the Governor had sent Mr. Creedon a list of 10 additional nominees.

"Veto Power" Asserted.

A spokesman for the expedition said the Louisville board is made up of two real estate men, two lawyers, and the vice president of a bank in charge of the bank's real estate department.

Mr. Brown wrote Mr. Creedon on September 23 asserting that the Housing Expediter has "veto power" over the board's recommendations for removal or increase of rent ceilings. A union spokesman said no answer has been received.

In his saving, Mr. Creedon said, the action is virtually disavowed, and he must approve any board recommendation "which is appropriate and substantiated and in accordance with applicable law and regulations."

The Federal expediter emphasized that the newly-approved blanket increases do not apply to landlords and tenants who have already entered into voluntary written agreements providing for increases under the 1947 rent-control law.

"Mutual Consent" Clause Cited. "Such leases, according to the law, must continue at the agreed-upon rent at least until December 31, 1948," he said.

This referred to a section of the law permitting so-called "mutual consent" rent increases up to 15 percent in leases running through 1948.

The present rent-control law expires next February 29, unless Congress acts to extend it. The act provides for the creation of local advisory boards in areas 600 heavily populated areas, with the boards empowered to recommend rent increases, discontinuance of controls, or continued controls without increases.

By law, the housing expediter is required to act within 30 days on any recommendations made by the local boards.

Food

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man declared he had heard of the cabinet member's remarks but had not read them.

Permitting direct quotation, the President said the observations are of "vital importance."

He continued: "When you save meat and save poultry products you save grain and grain is what is necessary to meet the hunger situation in Europe. It is the most economical way to meet it."

It is known that rumbles of criticism from within the Government, directed specifically at the poultry and egg boards, have reached the Truman committee.

The complaints were based on the theory that a drop in demand for chickens simply would induce farmers to delay killing them—and to keep on feeding them grain.

Sees Race Against Hunger. In a brief radio speech last night, Mr. Truman declared the Ameri-

can people are in "a race against winter and against hunger." A very little sacrifice on the part of each individual, he said, can avert "chaos and desperation," he added.

"The saving of the peace, the preservation of a world in which we as Americans can live our lives in peace, with hope for a bright future, is strictly up to us."

Representatives of the Nation's brewers assembled in Chicago, meanwhile, to deliberate Mr. Luckman's request for "substantially increased savings" over those they already have offered.

In a radio address Sunday night the food chairman indicated dissatisfaction with the brewers' pledge to recommend throughout the industry a complete stoppage of the use of wheat and table-quality rice.

Food Committee members expressed confidence that the hard liquor distilling industry would accede to Mr. Luckman's proposal for a 60-day shutdown, starting later this month, but a labor protest against the holiday threw a new obstacle in its path.

Layoff of 30,000 Seen.

A spokesman for the Distilled Spirits Institute, representing 60 percent of the industry, said such a shutdown would cause the layoff of 30,000 workers. But he forecast:

"There will be no shortage of liquor, we expect none, and there is no excuse for raising prices."

A distillery union official at Frankfort, Ky., John E. McKinnon, predicted unemployment for 100,000 workers. He said the shutdown would produce "insignificant" savings of grain. He said he expects his group to see a meeting with Mr. Luckman to protest the move.

Joseph O'Neill, president of AFL's Distillery Rectifying and Wine Workers, wired Mr. Truman from San Francisco asking him to call off the shutdown, asserting it would have a "microscopic effect" in helping feed Europe.

Calls Grain Most Important.

This angle also was injected into the President's news conference, when he was asked for comment on allegations of widespread unemployment during the distilling shutdown.

The President said he didn't know whether 10,000 men or 30,000 would be idle—that he was after 10,000,000 bushels of grain from the distillers to feed hungry people.

The President was questioned about "reports" that the White House has ordered a resurvey of the possibilities for financing stop-gap aid to Europe.

Mr. Truman said there is no resurvey. He said the Government is trying to find every dollar it can wherever it can. But, he said, the picture still is unchanged.

The President has said a \$500,000 appropriation will be needed from Congress to carry Europe through the winter. Congressional committees are to meet in early November to consider such an appropriation.

The Agriculture Department reported that 192,289,280 bushels of grain and grain products were shipped to shortage areas abroad during the July-September quarter.

An additional 75,199,000 bushels has been allocated for export during October and November. If met, these allocations would bring shipments for the July-November period to 267,488,000 bushels.

This year's export program is far ahead of that of a year ago.

Palestine

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League action. The Jewish Agency spokesman called it obviously a "propaganda threat" timed to coincide with United Nations deliberations on the problem of the Holy Land's future.

British sources said the Arab countries would not be able to muster any major military force unless given considerable time.

Hector McNeil, the British Minister of State, declared "I can't believe that these responsible governments are permitting such irresponsible behavior."

The resolution, presented to the Council by a subcommittee through Premier Riad Bey es Solh of Lebanon, was adopted unanimously. It said:

"The Bludan secret agreements which should have been fulfilled if the Anglo-American committee's recommendations had been adopted are still in effect and should be fulfilled if a solution is applied to the Palestine case which should effect the right of Palestine to be an independent Arab state."

(A British-American committee studied the Palestine problem in 1946 and recommended, among other things, that 100,000 Jews be admitted to the Holy Land.)

(United Nations committee majority recently recommended partition of Palestine into separate Jewish and Arab states. That report now is pending before the UN.)

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2 Accused of Stealing And Stripping Autos Held for Grand Jury

Two men accused of stealing cars here and taking them to Maryland to strip them of parts were ordered held for the grand jury under bond in Municipal Court today. Both pleaded not guilty and waived preliminary hearing.

The men are Harry M. Stilwell, 21, of 3301 Piers Mill road, Kensington, Md., held under \$2,000 bond, and John Peay, 23, of 1403 Maryland avenue N.E., held under \$1,000 bond. A thumbprint found on one of the automobiles resulted in a hit-and-run driving charge against Stilwell.

Both men were arraigned on a charge of grand larceny in the theft of a 1947 Dodge owned by Martin Bernstein, 3225 Rhode Island avenue N.E. Police said the car was taken from Eastern and Rhode Island avenues N.E. October 3 and was recovered in Ritchie, Md., "stripped to the ground."

Auto squad detectives said charges against them in three more cases of grand larceny involving auto thefts will be presented to the grand jury.

Stilwell also is charged with reckless driving, leaving after colliding and having no permit in connection with an accident which occurred September 24 on Massachusetts avenue at Fourteenth street S.E. Injured in the accident was Robert E. Davis, 16, of 223 Fifteenth street S.E., who is still in casualty hospital with a fractured arm and leg.

The car involved, police said, was stolen the day of the accident from Violet A. Quinn of 417 Thirtieth street N.E. and was found about an hour after the accident. The only clue on the car was the thumbprint. Police said it matched Stilwell's.

Detectives Charles Smith and John Williams of the Auto Squad went to Peay's home yesterday to arrest Stilwell after a tip that he had been stealing and stripping cars and selling the parts, and might be found at that address. Stilwell was not there but the police arrested Peay. Stilwell was arrested later.

Arab Forces Total More Than 200,000

By the Associated Press

BEIRUT, Oct. 10.—Reliable but unofficial sources today estimated the military strength of the Arab world at more than 200,000, distributed as follows:

Lebanon—5,000 soldiers, partly mechanized, most of them trained by the French and most of them veterans of the Syrian campaign and the Lebanese uprising which ousted the French during World War II.

Syria—15,000 troops with modern mobility and an air force of 10 fighter planes. The Syrian Army also is mostly well trained and well armed.

Trans-Jordan—An Arab legion of 40,000 to 50,000 fighters, including camel cavalry and mechanized columns, mostly commanded by British officers under Brig. Glubb Pasha.

Iraq—46,000 troops, poorly mechanized with some air units. The troops are mostly British-trained desert fighters.

Egypt—Approximately 100,000 men, well mechanized, with a considerable air force.

Saudi Arabia—Standing fighting force of 10,000 men, "palace army," but virtually the entire male population is armed, mounted and trained in desert warfare.

Yemen—No standing army, but the populace is all armed.

In addition to the above forces, approximately 10,000 guerrilla fighters are reported recruited in Syria and Lebanon under veterans of the Palestine revolt in the late 1930's. In addition there are possibly armed and mounted 6,000 Syrian and Lebanese Druse tribesmen.

Harford Democrats Pick Baldwin as Nominee

By the Associated Press

BEL AIR, Md., Oct. 10.—The Democratic State Central Committee for Harford County has named J. Rush Baldwin, prominent farmer living at Street, to become one of the county's four representatives in the Maryland House of Delegates.

He was nominated to succeed John E. Clark, Democrat, of Harford, who was named chairman of the Maryland Tidewater Fisheries Commission and chairman of the Board of Natural Resources.

Mr. Baldwin's nomination must be acted on by the State Central Committee and Gov. Lane but nomination by the county committee usually is tantamount to appointment.

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Jobless Are Beaten Off At Italian Shipyards

By the Associated Press

NAPLES, Italy, Oct. 10.—About 1,000 unemployed veterans and laid-off workers of the Ansaldo shipyards at nearby Pozzuoli were beaten off today when they attempted to seize the yards.

They captured the railway station afterward and stopped traffic on the Naples-Cuma line. Then they ranged through the town forcing business houses to close.

Pozzuoli police called for reinforcements from Naples.

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Gov. Folsom Gets Date With Texas 'Prettiest Girl'

By the Associated Press

AUSTIN, Tex., Oct. 10.—"Big Jim" Folsom, 6-foot, 8-inch Governor of Alabama, will have a date with the 5-foot, 7-inch sweetheart of the University of Texas, Miss Dell Bradford, 22, at Harlingen, Tex., October 26.

Miss Bradford, a strawberry blond, was named by Gov. Beauford H. Jester as his personal choice yesterday to attend the second annual Air Day in Texas celebration October 24-26 with Gov. Folsom.

The Alabama Governor agreed to visit the air show if he could "get a date with the prettiest girl in Texas."

Miss Bradford, of Rock Springs, who was graduated from the university in 1944 and returned last year to study law, said she was "looking forward to the date with a great deal of interest."

AVC Challenges VFW On School Program

The District Department of the Veterans of Foreign Wars announced today it will form a permanent committee with 10 other patriotic organizations to oppose communism and "subversive influences in the schools."

But its program met an immediate challenge from the American Veterans Committee.

Charles S. Sullivan, Jr., judge advocate of VFW department, said the organizations met this week to inaugurate the program of its group's Committee on Un-American Activities.

Organizations which approved the program, he said, included the Amvets, Irish War Veterans, Spanish-American War Veterans, Colonial Dames of America, Daughters of America, Daughters of the American Revolution, Gold Star Mothers, Navy Mothers' Club, Patriotic Women of America and the Daughters of Union Veterans of the Civil War.

Meanwhile, a hearing to answer VFW charges about un-American school books was sought by the Greater Washington Area Council of the AVC.

The request was made in a letter sent by Maynard B. DeWitt, local affairs chairman, to Mrs. Henry Gratton Doyle, Board of Education president.

Mr. DeWitt also said that the AVC would oppose the proposal for a \$10,000 "school censor" job by A. W. Lee, a member of the School Board.

Woman Put on Probation In Slapping Neighbor's Child

Mrs. Herman R. Seibold, 219 O street S.W., began six months of probation today after a Municipal Court jury found her guilty yesterday of slapping the 7-year-old child of a neighbor.

Mrs. Seibold, mother of four, also received from Judge George D. Nelson a suspended sentence of \$25 or 30 days in jail as the result of the incident which began with a quarrel between her children and the neighbor's child at Hoover Playground in August.

Several witnesses related how Mrs. Seibold came out of her home and slapped Herman Fixsen, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman D. Fixsen, Jr., 215 O street S.W.

Mrs. Seibold asserted that she only told Herman to stop teasing her 5-year-old daughter Jean Marie and threatened to hit him, but did not do so.

Self-Amputee Loses Forearm

HUNTINGTON, W. Va., Oct. 10.—Harry Benedict, 45, who used a pocketknife to amputate a thumb and four fingers when his hand became enmeshed in a corn husking machine, was discharged from a hospital yesterday after surgeons removed his forearm.

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